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REMARKS

German Application No. 92 09 407.4, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,644,241 and 4,607,228, PCT Published No. WO 94/25865, and European Patent Nos. 0 693 178 and 9 890 834 were cited in a Search Report for DE 199 00 484.6, dated September 8, 1999, a copy of which is attached. PCT Published No. WO 94/23281 corresponds with European No. 0 693 178. German Application No. 197 29 144 corresponds to European Application No. 0 890 834. German Application No. 92 09 407.4 is referred to on page 1 of the specification.

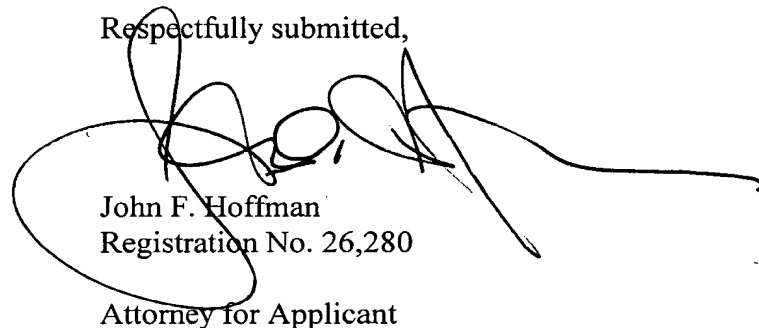
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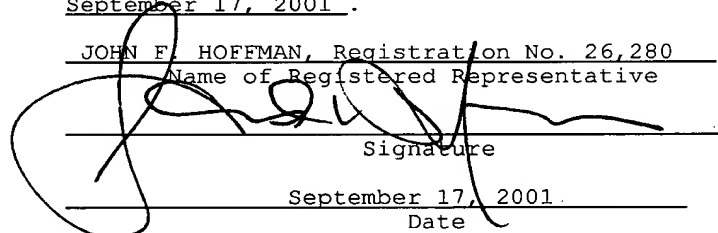


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